

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Keith Benjamin called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. Road Superintendent, Jake Biltz, was excused from the meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled to take place on March 27, 2018. This meeting will occur during Kent's spring break. Due to vacation conflicts for trustees and the fiscal officer a motion was made by Scott Swan to cancel the March 27th meeting; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Robert Caudill – 6551 Ohio Ave. – addressed the board regarding a property he purchased adjacent to his. It was purchased in 2016. He has come to find out that there is a right of way and he wants it gone, however possible. A request to have it vacated was discussed. Zoning and Mr. Penix will follow up with Chris Meduri to see what this resident's options are.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard St. – had several questions and concerns. When he asked about income tax collection he was informed that as of January 1, 2018 the township will no longer be collecting inherited income tax from the former village; he is concerned about the safety of an unoccupied structure on Park Ave that looks unsafe and unsecured; he inquired about an auction planned at a later date to sell items acquired by the township from the former village (TBA); he inquired about the boat previously owned by the village and was informed its fate is undecided.
- Joseph Brown – 1915 ST RT 59 – has concerns about overgrown vegetation and the possibility of spring mosquitoes near a property he just purchased and is renovating at the rear of the Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park. The back of the property he is concerned about is the Toko Steakhouse property. Trustees advised Mr. Brown to contact the county health department and ask for some mosquito dunks to use come spring. He will also contact county storm management about possibly targeting the area for spraying in the spring.
- Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd. – expressed his disappointment in the continued condition of the Zamos property across the street from his. It is in deplorable shape but has been deemed structurally sound by the county building department. The township will seek a legal opinion on the question of how long a structure can be abandoned or uninhabited before we would be able to take it down. In the meantime, Sam Abell will enforce the property maintenance code for violations in existence.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted in writing by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Accompanying the report was a tentative cost estimate on Brady Lake road work that is deemed the most top priority for right now. The estimate is just under \$18,500 and involves Margaret, Hartman, Iraquois, and Woodland.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally, trustees inquired about the status of the advertising for and possible candidates for the assistant zoning inspector position. Mr. Abell will follow up with Ken Penix about the matter.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trustees will open discussion on revisiting the idea of asking for reimbursement from for profit property owners for excessive fire and ems calls. This is a policy made in 2012. Upon strong opposition from some of the property owners who were subsequently billed for excessive charges, the board decided against the pursuit of collection and the practice of invoicing said owners was suspended. Ann Hanna will contact the City of Hudson and ask how they proceed in a similar manner. Lisé Russell will contact Chris Meduri to see if his opinion on the matter has changed since the implementation in 2012.
- After discussion, trustees unanimously agreed to stand firm in their position to litigate against Kent Storage LLC. They do not agree with a magistrate ruling that the business can continue to operate in clear violation of township zoning use code.

NEW BUSINESS

- An invoice was presented for consideration of payment. The invoice stems from a training exercise attended by the former Chief of Police from the Village of Brady Lake. The training occurred after the dissolution vote in the village. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Swan to approve payment of the invoice; 2nd Keith Benjamin. A vote was taken, Keith Benjamin voted no; Ann Hanna voted no; Scott Swan voted yes. The motion did not carry. The invoice will not be paid.
- Trustees unanimously approved an expenditure of \$450-\$500 for the purchase of a refurbished MARCS radio for use by the township DFPO. The motion was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- A decision to pay the City of Kent for fire and ems runs made in the former village area was made after discussion. It was determined that the township will be responsible for all runs made to the area beginning July 14, 2017, as the date serves as the date the dissolution vote was certified by the office of the Secretary of State. The motion was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- After discussion about amending the JEDD agreement making modifications to how businesses in the JEDD district are assessed a water surcharge trustees agreed to amend the agreement. A motion was made by Scott Swan, stating that moving forward any new developer or non-member of the JEDD will not be offered a 25% water surcharge discount by the city if they choose not to join the JEDD; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Keith Benjamin relayed information he gleaned from an article about the Toledo Fire Department and how they are addressing funding issues.

FINANCES

Bills were presented for payment in the form of warrants # 22634 through 22667, including payment vouchers, totaling \$166,582.09. Approval of payment was made by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____